

**CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

1. A stir-stick configured for use with a food mixer, the device comprising:

5           a) a handle configured to be gripped by a user;

b) an elongated stem, coupled to the handle, defining a stirring portion and having a longitudinal axis and an oblong cross-sectional shape, the stem extending along the longitudinal axis and outwardly from the longitudinal axis such that the longitudinal axis is substantially within the stem; and

10           c) the stem extending through a twist that twists from an upper portion to a lower portion with an upper cross-sectional shape and a lower cross-sectional shape having different rotational orientations about the longitudinal axis with respect to one another.

2. A device in accordance with claim 1, further comprising an enlarged stopper

15           disposed between the handle and the stem configured to abut a lid of the food mixer.

3. A device in accordance with claim 2, wherein the enlarged stopper has a downward facing curved face configured to pivot in an opening in the lid of the food mixer.

20           4. A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the twist is continuous and uninterrupted from the upper portion to the lower portion.

25           5. A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the upper and the lower cross-sectional shapes are oriented at about 90 degrees about the longitudinal axis with respect to one another.

6. A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the upper and lower portions define planes oriented transverse with respect to one another and intersecting one another at the longitudinal axis.

30           7. A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the longitudinal axis of the stem is disposed substantially at a center of the stem; and wherein the twist has a twist axis about which the stem twists; and wherein the longitudinal axis and twist axis are collinear.

8. A device in accordance with claim 1, further comprising:

- a) a container;
- b) a mixing assembly, disposable in the container; and
- c) a lid, disposable on the container, having an aperture therein; and
- d) the stem being disposable through the aperture in the lid and into the

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container.

9. A device in accordance with claim 8, further comprising:

10 a spout, operatively coupled to the container, and having a valve operable to selectively dispense contents of the container.

10. A device in accordance with claim 8, further comprising:

15 a base having a motor capable of turning a drive mechanism extending therefrom, the container being disposable on the base with the drive mechanism engagable with the mixing assembly.

11. A device in accordance with claim 10, further comprising:

20 a cup indentation formed in the base, the cup indentation extending into the base and extending through a bottom of the base; and

a pair of protrusions, extending from the base with the cup indentation therebetween.

12. A food mixer device, comprising:

- a) a container;
- b) a lid, disposable on the container, and having an aperture therein; and
- c) a stir-stick, extendable through the aperture in the lid and carriable by the

25 lid, the stir stick including:

- i) a handle, disposable above the lid, configured to be gripped by a user;
- ii) an elongated stem, coupled to the handle and extendable into the container, the stem defining a stirring portion and having a longitudinal axis and an oblong cross-sectional shape, the stem extending along the longitudinal axis and outwardly from the longitudinal axis such that the longitudinal axis is substantially within the stem; and

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iii) the stem extending through a twist that twists from an upper portion to a lower portion with an upper cross-sectional shape and a lower cross-sectional shape having different rotational orientations about the longitudinal axis with respect to one another.

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13. A device in accordance with claim 12, further comprising an enlarged stopper disposed between the handle and the stem, and abutting the lid.

10 14. A device in accordance with claim 13, wherein the enlarged stopper has a downward facing curved face pivotable in the aperture in the lid.

15. A device in accordance with claim 12, wherein the twist is continuous and uninterrupted from the upper portion to the lower portion.

15 16. A device in accordance with claim 12, wherein the upper and the lower cross-sections are oriented at about 90 degrees about the longitudinal axis with respect to one another.

20 17. A device in accordance with claim 12, wherein the upper and lower portions define planes oriented transverse with respect to one another and intersecting one another at the longitudinal axis.

25 18. A device in accordance with claim 12, wherein the longitudinal axis of the stem is disposed substantially at a center of the stem; and wherein the twist has a twist axis about which the stem twists; and wherein the longitudinal axis and twist axis are collinear.

19. A device in accordance with claim 12, further comprising:  
a mixing assembly, disposable in the container.

30 20. A device in accordance with claim 12, further comprising:  
a spout, operatively coupled to the container, and having a valve operable to selectively dispense contents of the container.

21. A device in accordance with claim 12, further comprising:

a base having a motor capable of turning a drive mechanism extending therefrom, the container being disposable on the base with the drive mechanism engagable with the mixing assembly.

5        22. A device in accordance with claim 21, further comprising:

            a cup indentation formed in the base, the cup indentation extending into the base and extending through a bottom of the base; and

            a pair of protrusions, extending from the base with the cup indentation therebetween.

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23. A stir-stick configured for use with a food mixer, the device comprising:

            a) a handle configured to be gripped by a user;

            b) an elongated stem, coupled to the handle, defining a stirring portion and having a longitudinal axis and an oblong cross-sectional shape, the stem extending along the longitudinal axis and outwardly from the longitudinal axis such that the longitudinal axis is substantially within the stem;

15        c) an enlarged stopper, disposed between the handle and the stem, configured to abut a lid of the food mixer; and

            d) the stem extending through a twist that twists from an upper portion to a lower portion with an upper cross-sectional shape and a lower cross-sectional shape having different rotational orientations about the longitudinal axis with respect to one another.

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